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Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Did you know Groundhog Day has its origins in an ancient celebration of Candlemas, a point midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, according to the NOAA climate center. Superstition has it that fair weather was seen as a prediction of a stormy and cold second half to winter, as noted in this Old English saying: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Winter has another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Winter will not come again." On February 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous fuzzy forecaster, popped out of his burrow that morning and predicted six more weeks of winter. So everyone, get ready to unwrap those vessels, as by now, spring surely is around the corner.

With spring, brings the traditional Squadron Change of Watch! Our membership continues to dwindle; it is of the utmost concern of who will keep the lifeblood of our organization moving forward. Since the Lake George Power Squadron is primarily a safety and education organization, it is incumbent upon us to be an example to the boating community. There is still time to volunteer a few moments of your time and talent with the Squadron Bridge and become part of a long standing tradition that began nearly 80 years ago in 1947. Please give me a call to discuss your opportunity at (518) 393-6414.

Be safe and have an enjoyable spring!

Vessel Safety Check 2026



Vessel Safety Check Vision: *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating.* The VSC Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). Vessel Examiner discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate recreational boaters to maintain and operate their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating and promoting overall safe boating. Call P/C Armand at (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC.

2026 Boat Inspection Sites

Twelve years has passed since the Lake George Park Commission in January 2014 unanimously approved mandatory boat inspection regulations for Lake George, the final approval that was needed to get the program, designed to stop the march of invasive species into the lake in place. The inspection program pushes a mantra of “clean, drained, dry,” and will have inspectors at the launch points around the lake checking boats entering Lake George for any invasive species. If any evidence is found on boats or trailers, the boaters will be required to have their boat decontaminated at a boat-washing station to remove the material before they can launch. Here is a list of inspection stations scheduled to open April 15, 2026.

Million Dollar Beach Launch

139 Beach Road Lake George, NY 12845
518-832-8631

Mossy Point Public Boat Launch

158 Black Point Rd. Ticonderoga, NY 12883
518-585-6724

Roger's Rock Public Campground & Boat Launch

9894 Lakeshore Drive Hague, NY 12836
518-585-6168

LGPC Inspection at Norowal Marina

21 Sagamore Road Bolton Landing, NY 12814
518-223-3095

South Bay State Boat Launch: Opening 5/1/2026

5 CR-7A, Whitehall, NY 12887
518-499-0252



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Wear It Campaign

The Wear It! Campaign reminds boaters of the importance of boating safety, including always wearing a life jacket. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Visit [SafeBoatingCampaign.com](https://www.safeboatingcampaign.com) for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.